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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO CANAL TREATY APPROVAL

1. LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO SENATE'S RATIFICATION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY UNIVERSALLY LAUDATORY. ALL EDITORIALS RECOGNIZED THE TREATY AS A HISTORIC STEP IN US-LATIN RELATIONS AND CONGRATULATED BOTH GOVERNMENTS. NO OFFICIAL REACTION FROM GODR AS YET.

2. THE LEADING MORNING DAILY, LISTIN DIARIO, CHARACTERIZED THE TREATY VOTE ON APRIL 19 AS A QUOTE HISTORICAL TRUMP OF WISDOM UNQUOTE THAT HONORED THE UNITED STATES. EL CARIBE APRIL 20 STATED THAT THE ACT PUT AN END TO A LONG AND COMPLEX CHAPTER OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY WHILE OPENING A NEW PERIOD OF BETTER AND MORE JUST HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS. TODAY'S LEFT-LEANING EL SOL MAINTAINED THAT WHILE IT WAS AN IMPORTANT BATTLE WON BY THE PANAMANIANS, THE WAR FOR THE TOTAL RECOVERY OF PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY CONTINUES. THE TREATY, HOWEVER, REPRSENTS A GESTURE OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE US GOVERNMENT. ULTIMA HORA OF APRIL 19 STATED THAT BY THE RATIFICATION THE UNITED STATES QUOTE OPENS DOORS TO UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION UNQUOTE.

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